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Application No.: 09/993,633)	Examiner: V. Nguyen
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following six documents were cited in a Search Report recently issued by the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application.

A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

International Patent Publication No. WO 99/65409.

U.S. Patent No. 4,654,028.

U.S. Patent No. 4,622,970.

U.S. Patent No. 4,470,415.

U.S. Patent No. 2,940,452.

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To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, International Patent Publication No. WO 99/65409, U.S. Patent No. 4,654,028, U.S. Patent No. 2,940,452 and U.S. Patent No. 4,762,127 are cited on the attached form PTO-1449. U.S. Patent No. 4,622,970 and U.S. Patent No. 4,470,415 are not cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies are not being submitted with this document as these documents were cited by the Examiner in the Official Action dated August 1, 2003

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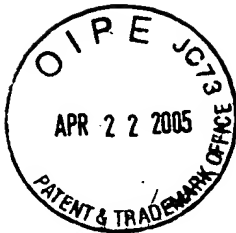
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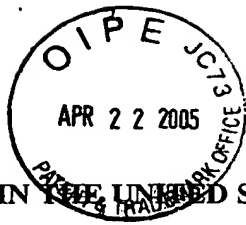
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